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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: USIB Guidance for the National Reconnaissance Program (NRP)

REFERENCES: a. USIB-D-46.4/12, 1 March 1968
b. Memo for Holders of USIB-D-46.4/12, 10 March 1970

I believe that the NRO can derive more benefits from the annual update of USIB SIGINT and PHOTINT requirements if they are received in time to be considered at the commencement of the NRP budget cycle in mid-February. Submission of a five-year guidance document by the end of January each year would allow ample time for consideration of any changes in the established requirements. The basic guidance could appropriately reflect both near-term and long-range functionally oriented requirements. The above procedure is consistent with arrangements recently initiated between the SIGINT Committee and the NRO.

In order to simplify the effort, only changes in the projected intelligence requirements would need to be identified and the one year guidance currently furnished separately would be included in the five-year guidance projection. This procedure would not preclude the identification of new requirements at any time of the year as intelligence needs change.

The fiscal calendars contained in the references are no longer valid and should be rescinded with adoption of the revised statement of changes in requirements.

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